

The most frequently seized synthetic opioid is fentanyl. CBP seizures of fentanyl remain relatively small compared to heroin, but significantly increased from 1.08 kilograms in FY 2013 to 61.03 kilograms (kg) seized in FY 2015 and 199.75 in FY 2016.

OFO Fentanyl Seizures Total											
Fentanyl	FY 06	FY 07	FY 08	FY 09	FY 10	FY 11	FY 12	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16
Incidents	14	10	14	18	10	2	7	6	16	60	119
Weight in KG	0.02	0.08	0.30	0.47	0.11	0.09	0.03	1.08	3.66	61.03	199.75

Prior to FY 2015, all Office of Field Operations (OFO) seizures occurred at mail and express consignment facilities. Detail of fentanyl seizures for FY 2015 and FY 2016 by Mode of Transportation provided below.

OFO Fentanyl Seizures (Kgs) by Mode Full FY			
Mode of Transport / Concealment Method	FY15	FY16	%Change
Express Consignment/Mail	22.53	36.90	63.77%
Land	38.50	162.85	322.98%
Total	61.03	199.75	227.29%

The majority of fentanyl being trafficked in the United States is produced in other countries such as China, and is smuggled chiefly through the international mail and express consignment facilities and the southern land border. Fentanyl is legally available for purchase in China, often purchased online and trafficked from China to either Canada or Mexico, and then smuggled into the United States. Clandestinely-produced fentanyl is primarily manufactured in Mexico, with its analogues and precursors obtained from distributors in China. When these shipments are identified through inter-agency collaboration as having illicit end-use intentions, the shipments are offloaded for further inspection and enforcement action by external agencies such as DEA and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

OFO Fentanyl Seizures by Country of Origin	
Country of Origin	Percentage
China	35.4%
Mexico	64.6%
Total	100%

OFO has only one seizure of precursor chemicals that occurred in FY 2015 at an express consignment facility that totaled 25.68Kgs.